

## ***BOROUGH OF NETCONG***

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JULY 12, 2018 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Nametko called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The Borough Clerk read the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting as defined by the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided by:

1. Posting a notice of said meeting in the space provided for such announcements at the Borough Hall on January 12, 2018.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 17, 2018 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 12, 2018.

### **ROLL CALL**

Those in attendance this evening were Councilman Albensi, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Koster, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Still and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

### **PROMOTION OF RYAN PLUMB TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT OF THE NETCONG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Resolution #2018-72-** A Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Ryan Plumb to the Rank of Sergeant of the Netcong Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the promotion.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Chief Blesson reviewed Sargent Plumb's background and achievements.

**SWEARING IN OF RYAN PLUMB AS SERGEANT OF THE NETCONG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Sargent Plumb was officially sworn in by Mrs. Eckert, the Borough Clerk.

**TO HIRE KEITH ARENTOWICZ AS PATROLMAN OF THE NETCONG BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Resolution 2018-73**-To Hire Keith Arentowicz as Patrolman of the Netcong Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the assignment.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Chief Blesson provided an overview of Mr. Arentowicz's background.

**SWEARING IN OF KEITH ARENTOWICZ AS PATROLMAN OF THE NETCONG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Patrolman Arentowicz was officially sworn in by Mrs. Eckert, the Borough Clerk.

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Mr. Tim Leonard, Grace Church Executive Director, inquired about tying into the sewer at the Woodmont project. He explained why they are interested in the sewer project and its status.

The Mayor apologized for not getting back to them sooner but stated that there are several issues that must be settled first. Mr. Bucco provided an explanation about the issues that need to be addressed. He also agreed that there are several agreements that must be settled in order to make this possible. Mr. Bucco asked Mr. Leonard how far along they are in this project. He said the sewer allotment would be available in the spring according to Woodmont. Mr. Bucco suggested the church provide a copy of the contract with Woodmont. Mr. Leonard said they do have a set of plans as well.

The Mayor suggested they will have a meeting to review and discuss the agreement and plans the church has with Woodmont. Mr. Leonard asked for the Borough engineer's email address.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call 5: Yes

## **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

- 1. Ordinance 2018-11 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 54, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE IV, FEES, SECTION 54-16, FEES, PARAGRAPH F, CONTRACTED POLICE SERVICES, SUBPARAGRAPH (3) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2018-11 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Council Albensi and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

The Mayor opened the meeting for public comment. No one stepped forward.

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2018-11 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented at this meeting.

## **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Blakeslee had nothing to add to his report. He asked Mr. Bucco to discuss the MOU from NJ Transit. Once done, the Council continued to talk about this subject. There was dialogue between Mr. Bucco and Councilman Hathaway. Mr. Bucco feels there are some things missing in this MOU. Mr. Bucco read over the MOU with the Council. Discussion continued. Mr. Blakeslee asked how the Council would like to proceed.

Mr. Bucco suggested the plan that was given to NJ Transit was not mentioned in the MOU and should be. He would like to know if they would like to have the Board Attorney compose a response. Councilman Hathaway asked for Mr. Bucco's advice. He suggested another meeting with them about this and a firm agreement must be made or a letter can be prepared and sent to NJ Transit on this issue. Councilman Hathaway feels another meeting will be a waste of everyone's time Mr. Bucco will prepare a letter.

The bid package is ready for the tennis courts. The engineer needs an approval to advertise. The Mayor asked for a motion to authorize the bid for the Arbolino Park project.

A Motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and second by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance:            E. Still                    J. Sylvester

Councilman Still read the Finance Report.

For the month of June 2018, the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$156,663.89 as compared to June 2017 of \$112,253.18.

For the month of June 2018:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2018 the Borough received \$1,600.50 compared to \$2,078.60 in 2017

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2018 the Borough received \$15,423.91 compared to \$9,392.72 in 2017.

State Aid:

We didn't receive any state aid in June 2018 or June 2017.

Grants in Aid:

There was \$70,124.47 received during June 2018 compared to June 2017 where there was \$14,057.59 received.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$69,515.01 in 2018 compared to \$86,724.27 in 2017

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2018 is \$4,331,765.51 as opposed to \$4,147,563.40 in 2017.

Economic Development:        R. Hathaway            E. Still

Councilman Hathaway stated that all of the details of the report are in the Administrator's Report.

Public Safety:                    J. Sylvester            E. Koster  
(Police, Fire, Rescue)

Councilman Koster read the reports in Councilman Sylvester's absence.

Ambulance Corps

Calls Answered: 66

Out of town calls 2

Total Calls: 68

Total Patients: 35

Total Trips to the hospital: 51  
Miles Traveled: 1412 miles  
Hours Volunteered: 278 hrs., 25 mins.

Police Department

399 calls  
77 summons'

Fire Department

Total Calls: 14  
General Alarms: 8  
Mutual Aid: 6  
Total Members: 34  
Time Volunteered: 99 hours, 15 minutes  
Drills: 5  
Total Members: 25  
Time Volunteered: 70 hours, 25 minutes  
Drills: 5  
Total Members: 25  
Time Volunteered: 32 hours, 45 minutes  
Total Time Volunteered: 202 hours, 15 minutes

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities:                      E. Koster                      R. Hathaway

Councilman Koster read the DPW report:

Road Department:

Paved pot holes throughout town .... Picked up 48 cy of grass .... Picked up 76 cy of brush .... Finished installing new street signs and posts on Allen St. ...

Water Department:

Replaced a leaking service line at 93 Allen St .... The water infrastructure upgrade project began requiring support from the DPW in the form of boil water notification and signage, mark out requests, multiple informational letters to residents delivered by hand, weekly planning and preparation meetings, Nixle and reverse 911 planning, shut down of valves, flushing of hydrants, water sampling, and contractor support .... DEP performed the annual water system inspection ....

Buildings & Grounds:

Repaired a broken stoop at FH #2 .... Performed weekly grass cutting of Borough properties .... Filled flower pots with water once in June, and watered Welcome to Netcong signs weekly .... R&J service performed quarterly service of generators .... GAK Const. installed a new roof at WH# I .... Performed annual inspection of fire extinguishers ....

Parks & Recreation:

Made repairs to damaged fence near the lake at DiRenzo Park ....

Other:

Mike Canfield and Tom Mendel attended a clean communities and recycling coordinators seminar .... Mike Canfield submitted the annual Clean Communities Report

Water Report: less was pumped this year than last year.

The Mayor asked about the contractor who is maintaining the elevator. Mr. Canfield explained they come out two times per year for maintenance and come out when repairs are needed. Mr. Blakeslee gave detailed information on this subject. There was an incident but it was rectified. There was brief discussion on the particulars of that event. Councilman Koster added a few comments on this subject.

Recreation:

J. Albensi

T. Laureys

Councilman Albensi read his report for Recreation.

1. **Tai Chi** continues to be a growing success. We are now up to 20 in attendance!!
2. **Concerts** are off to a great start! We had our annual 4th of July event with double concerts as well as hot dogs/hamburgers and a nice sheet cake in between.
3. On Friday July 20th we will host our "Christmas Cookies in July". We are looking for community families to bake their favorite Christmas cookies for a chance to win 1 of 2 terrific prizes. The audience attending the concert will be our judges.
4. Friday July 27th we once again bring you "Massage Under the Stars". Steve Guttman from Mind Body Dynamics will provide head/neck/shoulder massages to anyone interested at our concert. What a way to end a stressful week with a massage.
5. Save the dates for holiday parade have gone out.
6. **Feast of San Gennaro** bus trip is scheduled for Saturday September 15th. The cost per person will be \$25. Bus will leave Netcong Train Station at 10:30, returning at approximately 5pm. Flyer has gone out and we have half the bus filled. Please reach out to Sharon ASAP if interested in going. We will leave NYC at 4pm.

The Municipal Alliance is winding down with the end of the school year. They will be doing a family boot camp there is much interest in this program.

Hours – 109 in June, 76 hours administrative.

Public Services:  
(Human Services  
Recycling & Solid  
Waste Disposal

T. Laureys

J. Albensi

Councilman Laurey's read the Dial a Ride report.

Days of Service: 19

Miles: 842

# of Stops: 58

Nutrition for 3 people: 21

Food Shopping: 45

# of meals on wheels: 11

Medical Appointments: 10

Other Appointments: 79

People Using Services: 43

Cancel: 9

Denials: 0

Units: 276

Hours: 113

Additional Notes: Bus getting fixed June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business presented in this report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Appointment of Catherine C. Barry as a Firefighter for Company No. 1.

A motion was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the appointment.

Roll Call: 3 Yes Abstain: Councilmen Koster and Sylvester

2. Fire Inspection Fees – Life Hazard & Fines/Dedicated Fund.

Mr. Blakeslee explained the details for fees for fire officials who inspect the business properties. The Mayor voiced his concern about the fees stating that it might affect the businesses in town. Councilman Albensi asked what a non - life hazard use is. Mr. Bucco explained the difference. The Mayor expressed concern that this could get out of hand very quickly. Mr. Blakeslee read a comment from our auditors on this subject. There was further discussion on this topic among the Council. Councilman Hathaway is not for this. Mr. Blakeslee noted that the entire Council does not seem to be in favor of this. Councilman Hathaway explained that he has no problem with putting their fees in a dedicated fund but he cannot stand behind the additional fees and inspections.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

The President and the Council had no additional comments at this time.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor noted that the Borough's contribution was placed in the budget for an ambulance. He would like to see the ambulance requestors provide a presentation to justify the need for a new rig. The Council would like to hear some details about the reasons for this purchase. There was brief discussion among the Council. Councilman Hathaway agreed with the Mayor.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 2018-74** – Supporting Proposed Legislation that Would Make Certain Changes to Police and Fire Interest Arbitration Procedures.
2. **Resolution 2018-75** – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 16-00001 – 1 Kings Rd.
3. **Resolution 2018-76** – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 17-00005 – 65-67 Main St.
4. **Resolution 2018-77** – Authorizing the Purchase of a 2007 FLPH King Harley Davidson Motorcycle, Gross Vehicle Weight 730 LBS, from the Village of Fox Lake Police Department, 301 South Route 59 Fox Lake Illinois in Accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-5(2).

There were questions from Councilman Laureys: What is the cost to deliver it and what will the police department be doing with it? Mr. Blakeslee answered these questions.

5. **Resolution 2018- 78** - Determining an Area in Need of Redevelopment in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET Seq.
6. **Resolution 2018-79** – Authorizing Sanitary Sewer and Water Allocations to Flanders 46, LLC for Block 19, Lot 4 More Commonly Known as 2 Flanders Rd. in the Borough of Netcong.
7. **Resolution 2018-80-** Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Borough of Netcong and Crown Point Development Group, Inc. for Certain Riparian Mitigation Work to be Done at Arbolino Park
8. **Resolution 2018-81-** To Appoint a Part Time Seasonal Police Department Secretary

A motion was made to approve the above mentioned eight resolutions by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes



**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.

**REPORTS**

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**BILLS**

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:42pm and was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk